will make it mandatory for new and existing companies to disclose funding for aircrafts they plan to acquire/on lease;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that some airlines are not operating on sound financials and showing losses; and

(d) what are the total number of applications pending as on 31st October, 2006 for more than six months seeking approval for schedule airlines license with the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Some airlines have reported that they are incurring low profit and even losses. Some losses particularly during the initial years of operation are factored-in by airlines in their business plans and are due to high start-up costs. Other reasons indicated by airlines for incurring low profits are high ATF cost, decline in yields due to increased competition etc.

(d) At present 9 applications for grant of NOC to operate Scheduled Air Transport Passenger Services are pending for more than six months. The proposals are under examination in terms of financial viability, project feasibility, profitability analysis and analysis of the business plan.

Completion of Bangalore international airport project

2129. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of implementation of Bangalore International Airport Project is progressing satisfactorily;

(b) if so, the details regarding the progress work of the runway, terminal building, construction of Air Traffic Control Tower, Communication system, IT system, safety and security system etc.;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the target set-up for completion of the work and functioning of the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the works of airports construction are proceeding as per schedule.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The target completion period of the airport is 33 months from the date of Financial Close. The Financial Close was achieved on 29rd June 2005. The airport is likely to be ready for operation in April, 2008.

Delays in service of private airline operators

2130. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Private Airlines Operators specially Air-Deccan flights get delayed very frequently throughout the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the details thereof, operator-wise; and

(c) what is the action being taken to curtail the delays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Air Deccan has informed that their on-time performance is almost at par with other domestic operators. Generally, the scheduled private airlines are adhering to the time schedule. However, at times the flights of all scheduled airlines are delayed due to weather, technical reasons, mandatory security checks, etc. some of which are beyond the control of the airlines.

Fund for security of airports

2131. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to spend Rs. 160 crore on surveillance at airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to beef-up security at airports across the Country in the wake of Mumbai bomb blasts?